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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of performing distributed testing of a target comprising the steps of:

identifying a first and a second system which meet a predetermined criteria including a physical location of said system, said first system having a different owner than an owner of said target and an owner of said second system;

scheduling said first and second system to provide load to said target, wherein said load comprises provision of a plurality of virtual users which perform a variety of transactions with the target being tested, said target comprising an object-oriented software component, said object-oriented software component usable to build an application;

deploying said first and said second system at the scheduled time, said first and said second system providing load to said target.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said predetermined criteria further include additional criteria selected from the group comprising: sizes of said systems, speeds of said systems, and availability of said systems.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said first and said second system provides load across a network to said target.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further including the step of defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said predetermined criteria

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and wherein said step of identifying a first and second system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said software component is selected from the group consisting of EJB, Corba, COM, DCOM and COM+.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A method of performing distributed monitoring of a target comprising the steps of:

identifying a first and a second system which meet a predetermined criteria including a physical location of said system, said first system having a different owner than said target and an owner of said second system;

scheduling said first and said second system to monitor said target said target comprising an object-oriented software component, said object-oriented software component usable to build an application; and

deploying said first and said second system at the scheduled time, said first and said second system providing monitor functions to said target wherein the monitor functions comprise provide testing of deployed targets in order to detect and report performance problems.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein said target comprises a web site.

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13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said predetermined criteria further include additional criteria selected from the group comprising: sizes of at least one of said first and said second system, speeds of at least one of said first and said second system, and availability of at least one of said first and said second system.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said first and said second system provides monitor functions across a network to said target.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further including the step of defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said step of identifying a first and a second system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A computer program product for performing distributed load testing of a target comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:

identifies a first and a second system which meet a predetermined criteria including a physical location of said first and said second system, said first system having a different owner than an owner of said target and an owner of said second system;

schedules said first and said second system to provide load to said target, wherein said load comprises provision of a plurality of virtual users which perform a variety of transactions with the target being tested, --said

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target comprising an object-oriented software component said oriented-oriented software component usable to build an application; and

deploys said first and said second system at the scheduled time, said first and said second system providing load to said target.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said predetermined criteria further includes criteria selected from the group comprising: sizes of at least one of said first and said second system, speeds of at least one of said first and said second system, and availability of at least one of said first and said second system.

23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said systems provide load across a network to said target.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 19 further comprising program code for defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said program code for identifying said first and said second system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said software component is selected from the group consisting of EJB, Corba, COM, DCOM, and COM+.

26. (Canceled)

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27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A computer program product for performing distributed monitoring of a target comprising computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:

identifies a first and a second system which meet a predetermined criteria including a physical location of said system, said first system having a different owner than an owner of said target and an owner of said second system;

schedules said first and said second system to provide load to said target, said target comprising an object-oriented software component said object-oriented software component usable to build an application; and

deploys said first and said second system at the scheduled time, said at least one system providing --monitor functions to said target wherein the monitor functions comprise provide testing of deployed targets in order to detect and report performance problems.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said predetermined criteria further include criteria selected from the group comprising: sizes of at least one of said first and said second system, speeds of at least one of said first and said second system, and availability of at least one of said first and said second system.

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33. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 29 further comprising program code for defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said program code for identifying first and a second system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said software component is selected from the group consisting of EJB, CORBA, COM, DCOM, and COM+.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said systems provide load across a network to said target.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said providing load emulates a real world environment.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said providing load emulates a real world environment.